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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A business method for Qquantifying Proyalty Oowner Prights, the method including a computerized system performing the substantially asynchronous transactional steps of:

Oone) maintaining a registry of a plurality of users;

Ttwo) maintaining a database of materials provided by the system to users of the plurality of users;

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Tthree) using a substantially packet-based protocol over a distributed data-communications topology, communicating with a user of the plurality of users,

- a) from the user, accepting a report of the users user's prior use of materials provided by the system, the report being a sample of the prior use, and
- b) from data in the report, <u>statistically</u> convoluting an updated metric of use into respective materials records in the database; and
- Ffour) from the database computing a quantification of royalty owner rights for at least one of the respective materials.

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2. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein maintaining a database of materials

downloading via a distributed data-communications topology.

provided includes providing the materials to the respective users, and the providing is by

3. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the provided materials include a user-

computer executable program for facilitating the user maintaining a report for subsequent

reporting to the computer system.

4. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the provided materials include data for

reproduction as audio contents.

5. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the provided materials include data for

reproduction as visual contents.

6. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the provided materials include data for

execution as computer software.

7. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the communicating with the user includes

accepting a request for downloading a plurality of substantially new materials.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein accepting a report of the

users user's prior use includes an accounting of use since a most recent prior accepting from the

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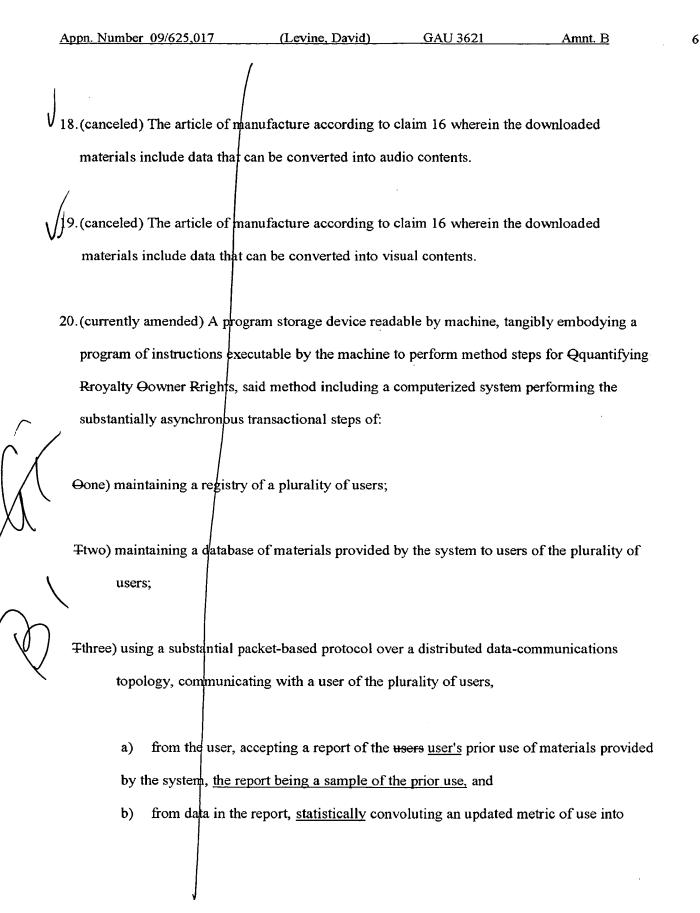
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user of a report of the users user's prior use.

- 9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein accepting a report of the users user's prior use includes an accounting of cumulative use, substantially since becoming a user.
- 10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein accepting a report of the users user's prior use includes an accounting of the users user's recent use during a predetermined proximate prior time interval.
- 11. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein maintaining a registry includes a respective profile for each user of a preponderance of the users in the registry.
- 12. (original) The method according to claim 11 wherein convoluting includes correlating the updated metric with the respective user profile.
- 13. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein computing includes a predetermined contractual-based apportioning of royalty owner rights for reported use of respective materials by the user.
- 14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein computing includes a predetermined contractual-based apportioning of royalty owner rights for reported use of

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